

The Seventh Sunday
after Pentecost
July 8, 2018



Opening Hymn: LBW 250 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*
Psalm: LBW p.279 *Psalm 123*
Hymn of the Day: LBW 500 *Faith of Our Fathers*
Communion Hymn: LBW 296 *Just As I Am*
Closing Hymn: WOV 723 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

Serving Today

Lay Assistant

Sylvia McEwuen

Lector

Mike Kirkpatrick

Counters

Bill Graham

Julie Sandolini

Ushers

Aaron Metzger

Larry Springer

Nursery

Martin family

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Mary Haas

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Office Hours

Pastor Kliner: Office:
Tues-Thurs 9 am to 1 pm; Mon-Thurs 9 am to noon
Saturday 10 am to noon
Pastor's phone: 304-926-4752

Announcements:

Pastor Jerry is away on vacation this week. For emergencies please contact Chaplain Tony Setley at 681-209-6192.

Men's Night Out for July will be postponed until later in the month. Keep posted for further details.

Vacation Bible School would like to borrow two plastic kiddie pools. Please bring items to the church and let Tamara Riegel know.

Women of the ELCA – St. Paul Unit *** **New Meeting Time** ***
The **Second TUESDAY EVENING** each month – 7 pm
All women of the church (and friends!!) are welcome!!!!

Summer 2018 topic: Prayer
Tuesday, July 10, 2018 – 7:00 pm

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL (July 8 – 15)

Sunday 7/8 — Communion Service	10:00 am
Tuesday 7/10 — Women of the ELCA	7:00 pm
Friday 7/13 — Piece Makers	10:00 am
Sunday 7/15 — Communion Service	10:00 am

THIS WEEK AT THE CHAPEL

Except for special events, the chapel is closed for the summer.

The flowers are given and arranged by Mary Haas
in honor of the Rev. Paul and Paula Blank

First Reading: *Ezekiel 2:1-5* He said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God.’ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them. (NRSV)

Psalm 123 *LBW p.279*

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 12:2-10* I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong. (NRSV)

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13 He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, ‘Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Prophets are not without honor, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.’ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, ‘Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.’ So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. (NRSV)

